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JAN23'26 ©CLM - 3399 G " LIGHTER THAN AIR."

Out on the roaring prairies, where the thundering herd used to thunder in the peaceful long ago, came the gentle bursting of tiny, flimsy soap bubbles. Three and twenty tiny mice ran "pitter,patter," all around the bowl of soap suds and kept the air filled with bubbles.

Bye and Bye the soap seemed to get stronger and the bubbles became stronger. Then the mice found that they could ride on them. After that, it was only a short time until the skies were full of floating creatures, cats, mice, and what nots.

Down toward Perkins Corner, a lazy cat was much disturbed to see so many mice riding the skies with such freedom. So he right " ups and at 'em First he sets his hat at a convenient distance from a telephone pole, then climbs up to burst a few bubbles, and capture a hat full of mice. But do you think he succeeded----not by a jugful. For when the mice fell and landed in the hat, they toddled right out and scampered away. The darn cat is as sore as blazes. Then he spies another group still blowing bubbles and he decides to blow himself a big bubble and go right up into the skies and capture some of the fresh mice. In this he succeeds fairly well up to the point of catching his victim and placing him on a plate; infact even gets to the point of seasoning his mouse, when this mouse's pal down below sees the state of affairs and shoots the bubble, right from under the cat. And that ends that.

Old Farmer Al lived right in the neighborhood, and this bubble blowing epidemic spread right into his house. They pour soap into his pipe and everything he-~~had~~ looked at had soap bubbles in it. So he toddles into the yard to read his newspaper unmolested. Then fourteen mice come up behind him and blow a big bubble right under his bench and away he floats, on and on, over cliffs, hill and dale Then to make matters worse a big black bird comes along and tries to annoy him. This makes the old man sore and naturally he tries to get back at the bird, but this only makes matters worse. The bird burst the bubble and down, down the farmer fell. When he lands the mice give him the horse laugh and he chases them away amid a cloud of bursting bubbles.

AESOP SAYS:-

" A Tombstone Has A Good Word For A Man--
When He's Down."

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